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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Rm. 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundary to Provide ELCS From
Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker Exchange to GTE South's Oakwood Exchanges;
CC Docket No. 96-159**

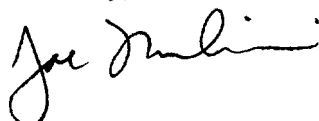
Dear Ms. Salas:

Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. (BA-VA) hereby submits this request for a LATA boundary modification to provide expanded local calling service (ECLS) from its Honaker exchange to GTE South's Oakwood exchange.

In its order released July 15, 1997¹ ("Order"), the Commission established an ongoing process for requesting LATA boundary modifications to provide ELCS. This request is filed pursuant to the provisions contained in that order. Attached please find the support documentation required by the Commission to approve the requested modification.

Should you have any questions regarding this material please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Attachment

cc: G. Matisse
A. Thomas

¹"In the Matter of Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ECLS) at Various Locations", CC Docket No. 96-159, released July 15, 1997.

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Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide ELCS From Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker Exchange to GTE South's Oakwood Exchange

- (1) Type of Service
Traditional Local Service, Non Optional ELCS
- (2) Direction of Service
Two-way
- (3) Exchanges Involved
ELCS from Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker exchange located in the Roanoke, Virginia LATA to GTE South's Oakwood exchange located in the Bluefield, West Virginia Independent Market Area ("TMA")
- (4) Name of Carriers
Honaker - Bell Atlantic - Virginia
Oakwood - GTE South
- (5) State Commission Approval
Attached is a Virginia State Corporation Commission Final Order approving ELCS for this route.
- (6) Number of Network Access Lines
Honaker Exchange - 3,289
Oakwood Exchange - 1,816
- (7) Usage Data
Messages per main station per month
Honaker to Oakwood - .74
Oakwood to Honaker - 1.34

Percent of subscribers making calls
Honaker to Oakwood - Data not available
Oakwood to Honaker - Data not available
- (8) Poll Results
Honaker to Oakwood
Seventy-seven percent of those responding voted for ELCS.

Oakwood to Honaker
Sixty percent of those responding voted for ELCS.

(8) Poll Results (Continued)

ELCS Rate Increase - Honaker

Residential

Flat Rate	\$ 0.21
Message Rate	\$ 0.16
Measured Rate	\$ 0.16
Exchange Only	\$ 0.17
Economy	\$ 0.10

Business

Flat Rate Line	\$ 0.67
Message Rate Line	\$ 0.24
Measured Rate Line	\$ 0.25
Flat PBX Trunk	\$ 0.99
Message PBX Trunk	\$ 0.24
Measured PBX Trunk	\$ 0.25

ELCS Rate Increase - Oakwood

Residential

Flat Rate	\$ 0.82
Flat Rate Lifeline	\$ 0.82
Economy Measured Rate	\$ 0.49

Business

Flat Rate Service	\$ 1.89
Flat Rate Trunk	\$ 4.24
Measured Economy	\$ 1.31

(9) Community of Interest Statement

Honaker is a small rural exchange with approximately 3,300 access lines located in eastern Russell County in southwest Virginia. Oakwood is located north of Honaker in Buchanan County. Community of interest is best indicated by the response to surveys of all customers in both exchanges. Seventy-seven percent of Honaker respondents and sixty percent of Oakwood respondents voted for ELCS. Many Honaker residents work in coal related industries in Oakwood. Since these exchanges are adjacent to one another, community of interest could be of a family or social nature.

(10) Maps

Maps are attached for the Honaker and Oakwood exchanges.

(11) Other Pertinent Information

Chronology

On June 12, 1996, Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker exchange subscribers petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission for Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) to GTE South's Oakwood exchange. The Commission directed Bell Atlantic - Virginia to determine the change in monthly rates to provide ELCS from Honaker to Oakwood. Bell Atlantic - Virginia surveyed all of its Honaker subscribers regarding their willingness to pay the additional rates. Seventy-seven percent of the subscribers responding voted favorably.

The Commission then directed GTE South to determine rates for ELCS calling from Oakwood to Honaker. GTE South surveyed all of its Oakwood subscribers regarding their willingness to pay the additional rates. Sixty percent of the Oakwood subscribers voted favorably.

On December 10, 1997, the State Corporation Commission issued a Final Order approving Extended Local Calling Service between Honaker and Oakwood.

Virginia State Code, Section 56-484.2

This section of the Virginia State Code allows customers to petition the State Corporation Commission for ELCS. A copy of this section is attached.

Attachments

Virginia State Corporation Commission Final Order in Case No. PUC970185

Honaker exchange map

Oakwood exchange map

Virginia LATA map

Virginia State Code, Section 56-484.2

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION971220004 *ARW*

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 10, 1997

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC970185

To implement extended local
service between its Honaker
exchange and the Oakwood
exchange of GTE South, Inc.

FINAL ORDER

Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") and GTE South, Inc.
("GTE") have advised the Commission that customers in BA-VA's
Honaker exchange and customers in GTE's Oakwood exchange voted in
favor of extended local service between the Honaker - Oakwood
exchanges.

Because a majority of the subscribers in the two affected
exchanges are in favor of the proposed extension of local
service, § 56-484.2B of the Code of Virginia requires that the
extension be ordered. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from BA-VA's
Honaker exchange to the Oakwood exchange of GTE shall be
implemented in a manner suitable to the two companies.

(2) BA-VA and GTE shall implement the tariff revisions
necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

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(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.

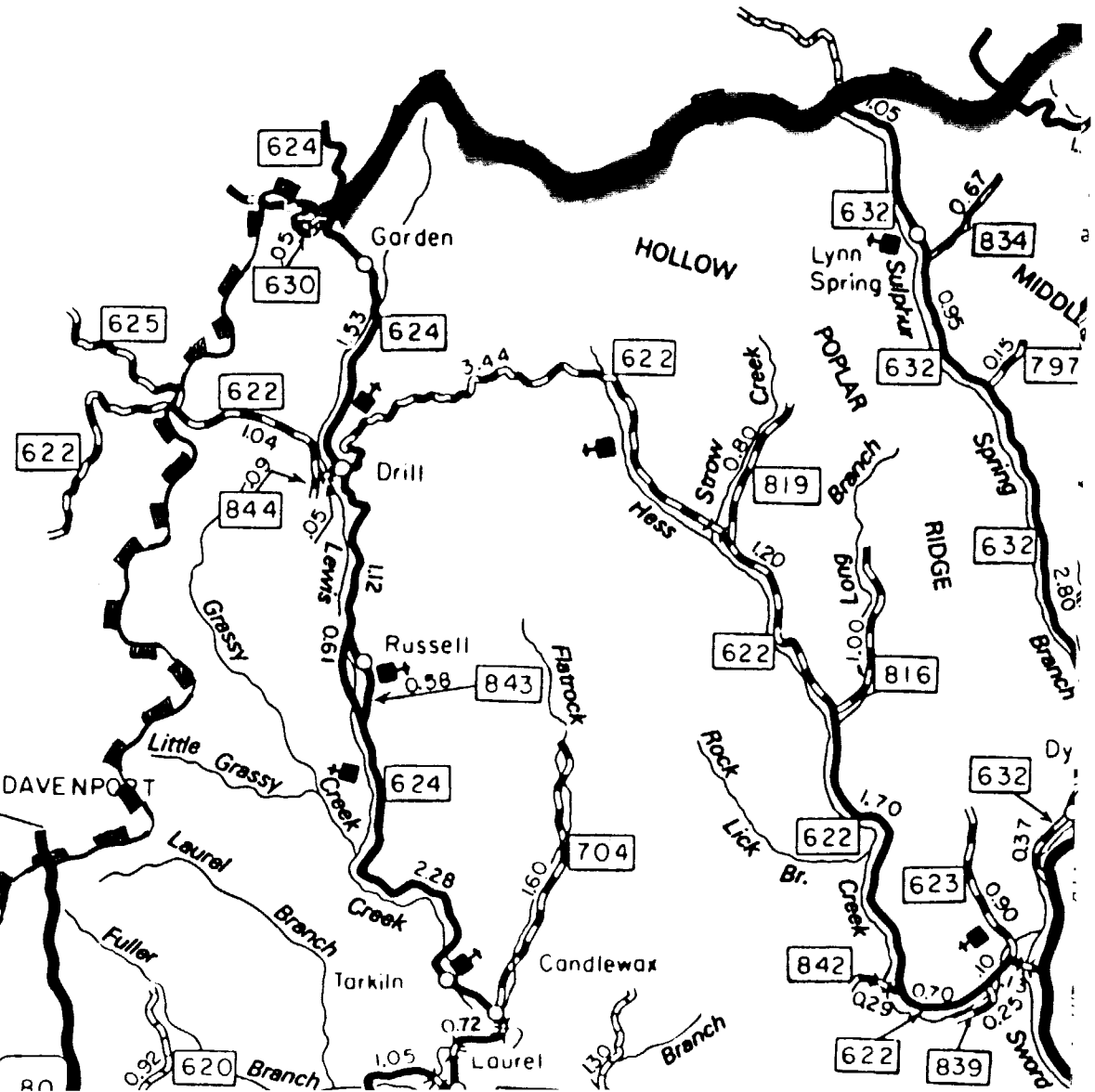
AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Warner F. Brundage, Jr., Esquire, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, 24th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Stephen C. Spencer, Regional Director-External Affairs, GTE South Incorporated, Three James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia 23219; the Commission's Office of General Counsel; and the Commission's Division of Communications.

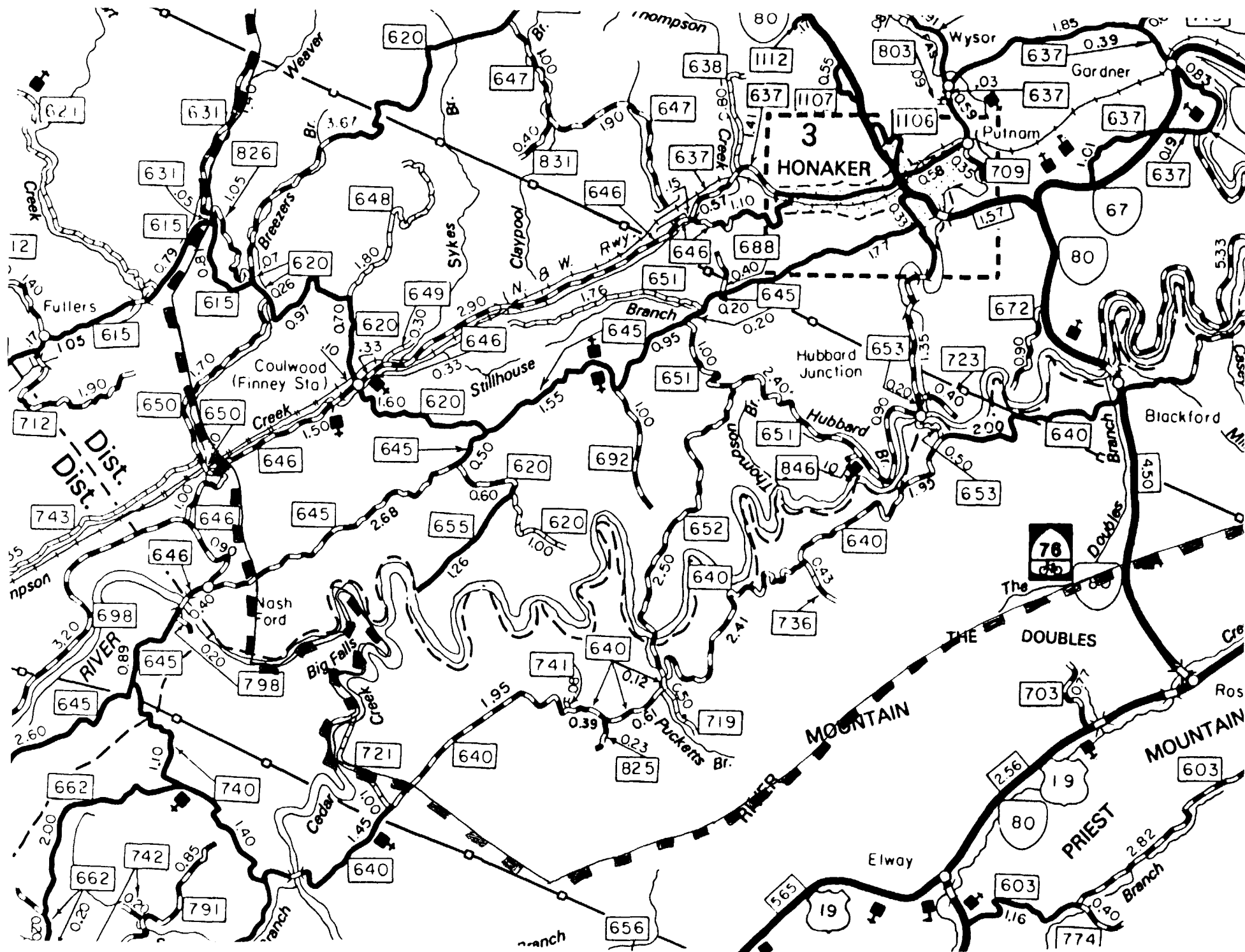
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William J. Bridge
Clerk of the
State Corporation Commission

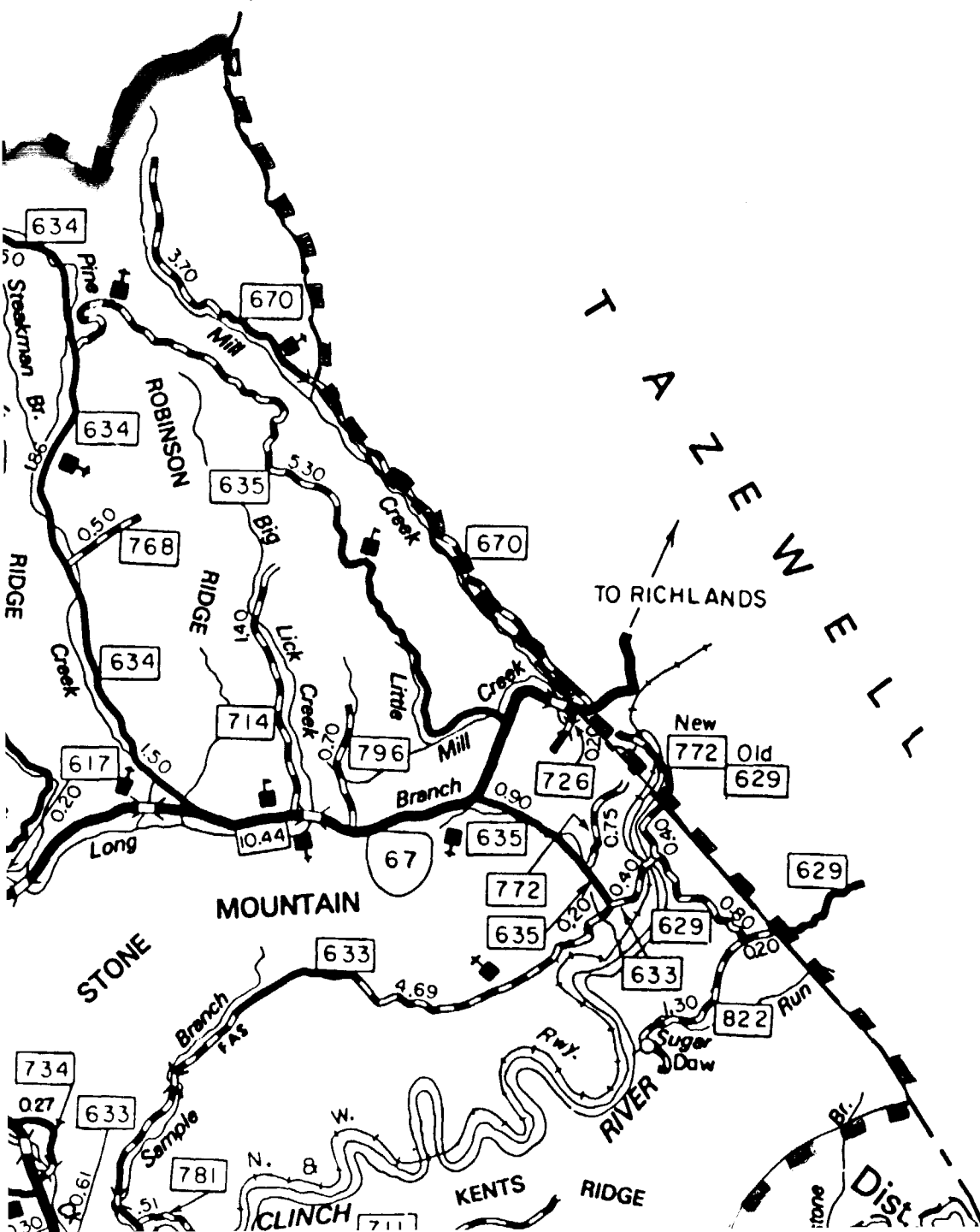
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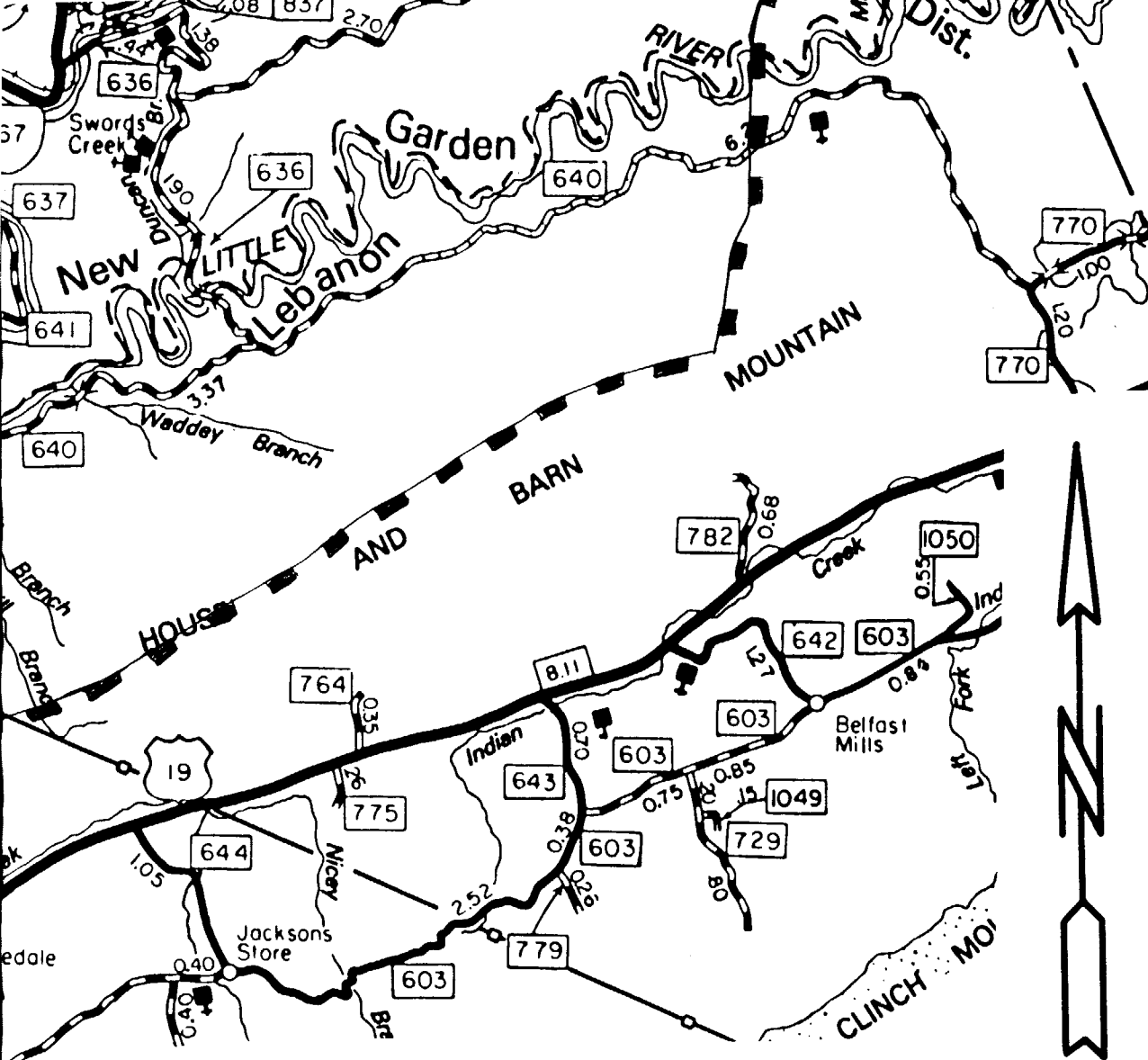
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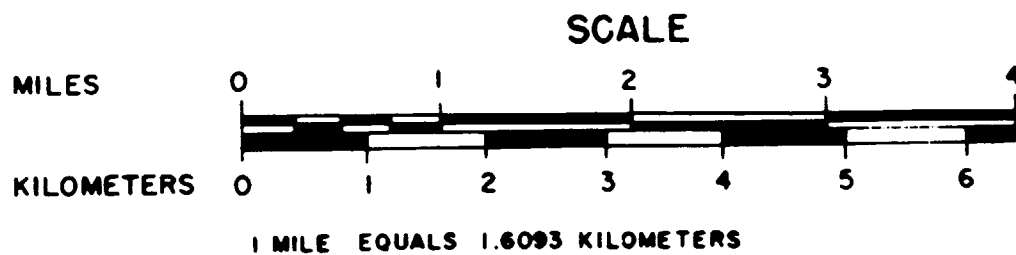
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C&P Telephone





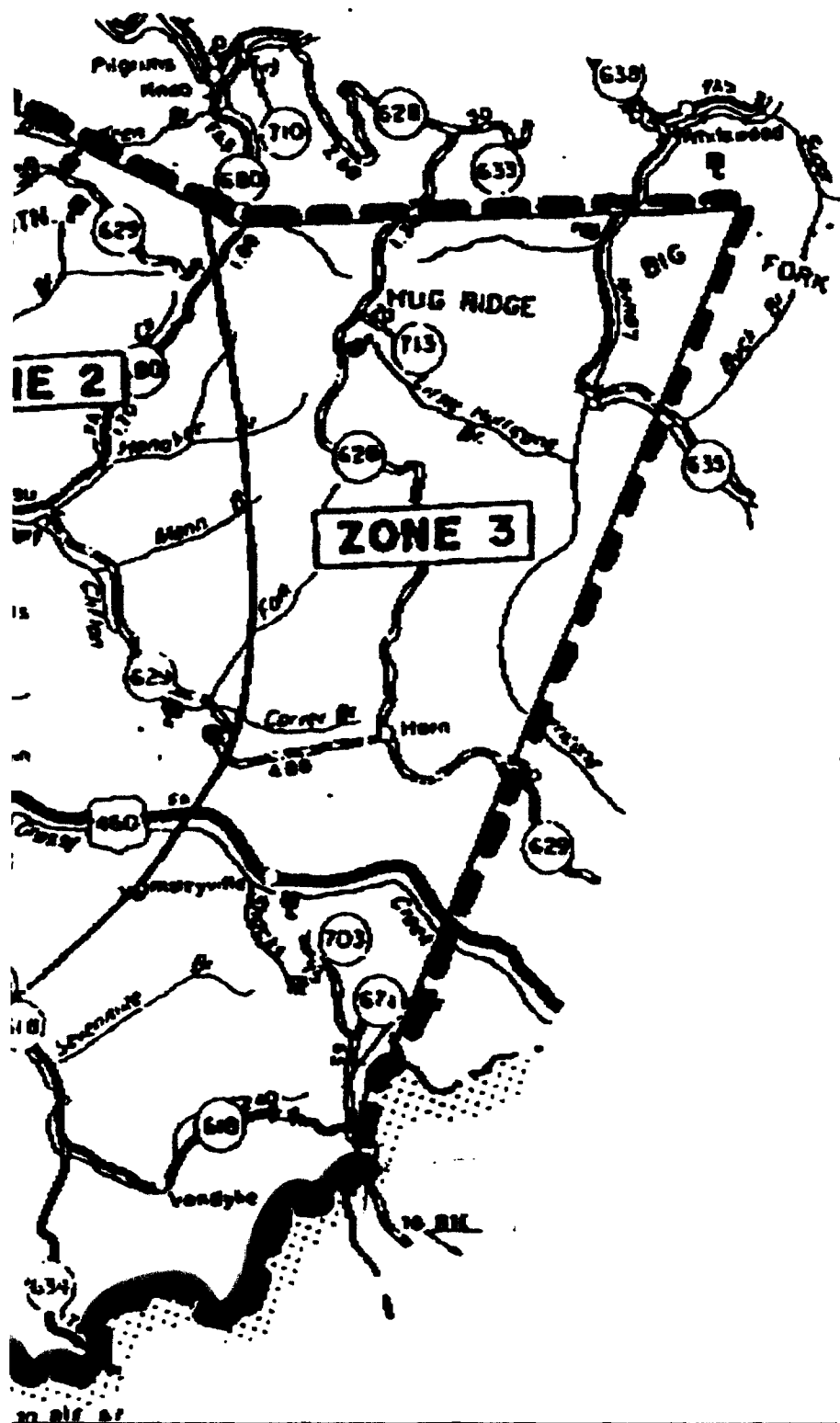
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 Exchange Boundary

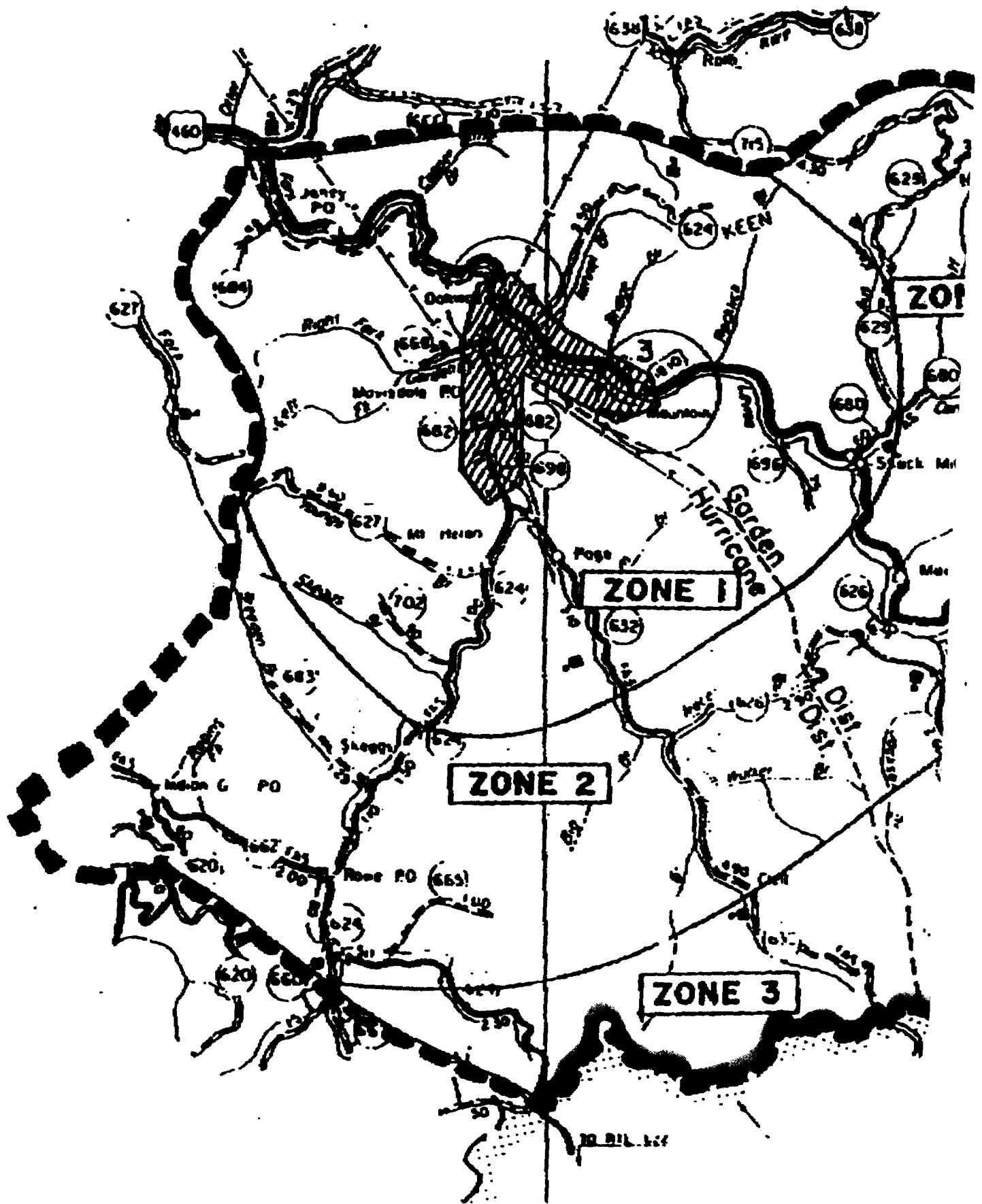


EXCHANGE AREA

HONAKER



-  Base Rate Area
-  Exchange Boundary
-  Zone Boundary



One Mile




**LOCAL ACCESS TRANSPORT AREAS
AND
INDEPENDENT MARKETING AREAS**
(Including Independent Telephone Company Areas
Associated with each LATA)

 **NORFOLK LATA - No. 252**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
GTE South Incorporated


 **RICHMOND LATA - No. 248**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
Amelia Telephone Corp.
Buggs Island Tel. Co-op.
GTE South Incorporated
Sprint/Centel - Virginia


 **CULPEPER LATA - No. 246**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
GTE South Incorporated
Sprint/Centel - Virginia

 **LYNCHBURG LATA - No. 250**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
GTE South Incorporated
Peoples Mutual
Sprint/Centel - Virginia

 **ROANOKE LATA No. 244**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
Citizens Tel. Co-op.
Clifton Forge - Waynesboro
GTE South Incorporated
Highland Tel. Co-op.
Mountain Grove-Williamsville
New Castle
New Hope
North River Tel. Co-op.
Pembroke Tel. Co-op.
Roanoke & Botetourt
Scott County Tel. Co-op.
Sprint/Centel - Virginia
Virginia Telephone Co.


 **WASHINGTON D.C. LATA
(VA. PORTION) - No. 236**

 Associated Telephone
Companies:
GTE South Incorporated


 **Part of Charleston, WV
BOC LATA - No. 254**

**Independent Marketing Areas
IMA's**

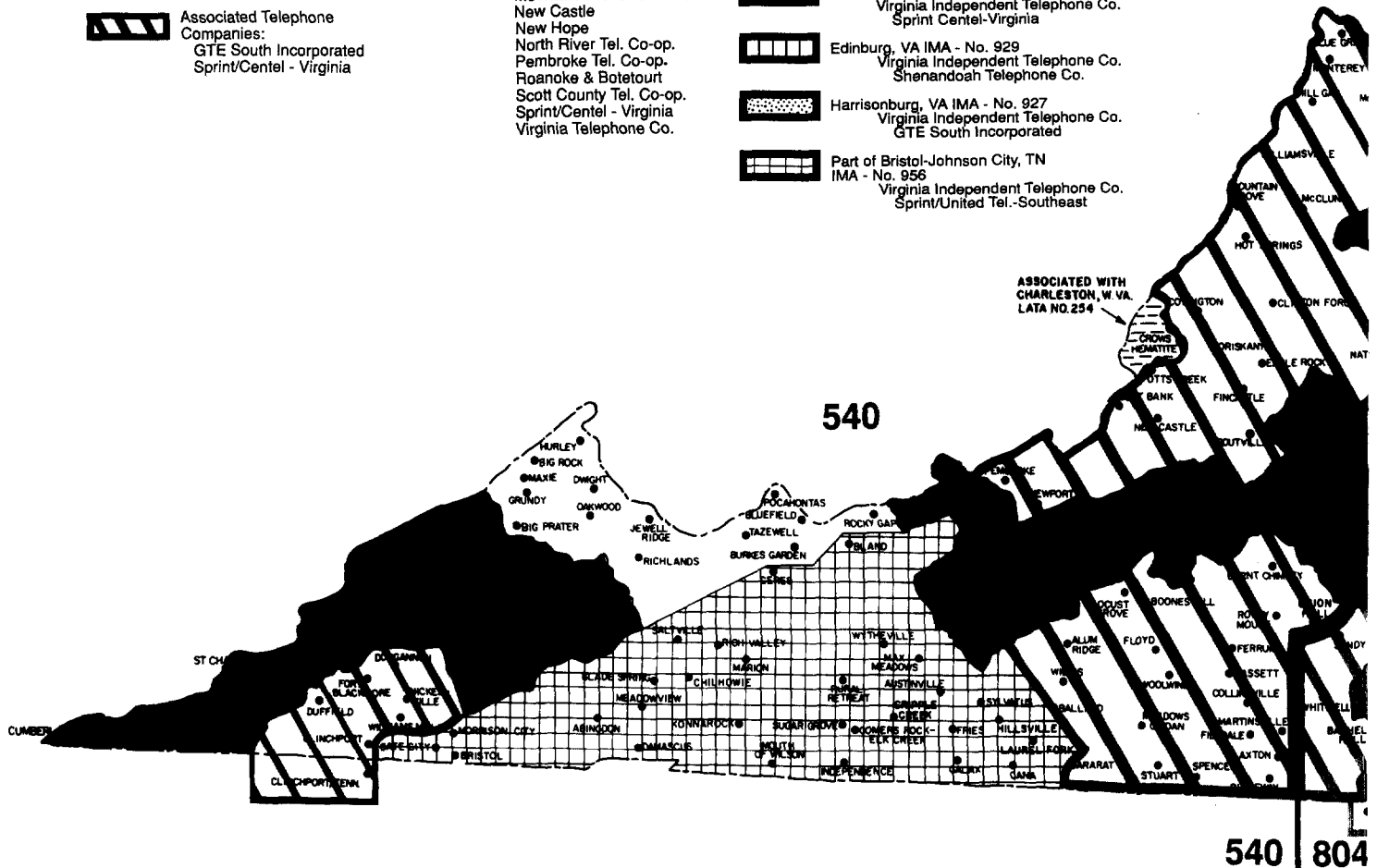
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Virginia Independent Tel. Co.
GTE South Incorporated

 **Charlottesville, VA IMA - No. 928**
Virginia Independent Telephone Co.
Sprint Centel-Virginia

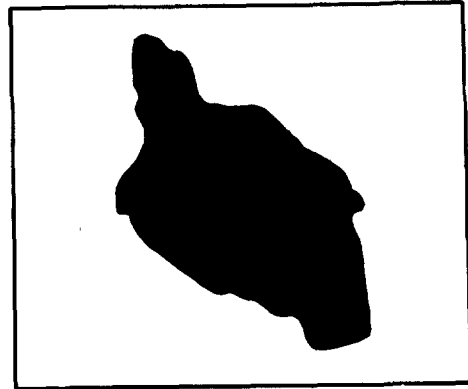
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Virginia Independent Telephone Co.
Shenandoah Telephone Co.

 **Harrisonburg, VA IMA - No. 927**
Virginia Independent Telephone Co.
GTE South Incorporated

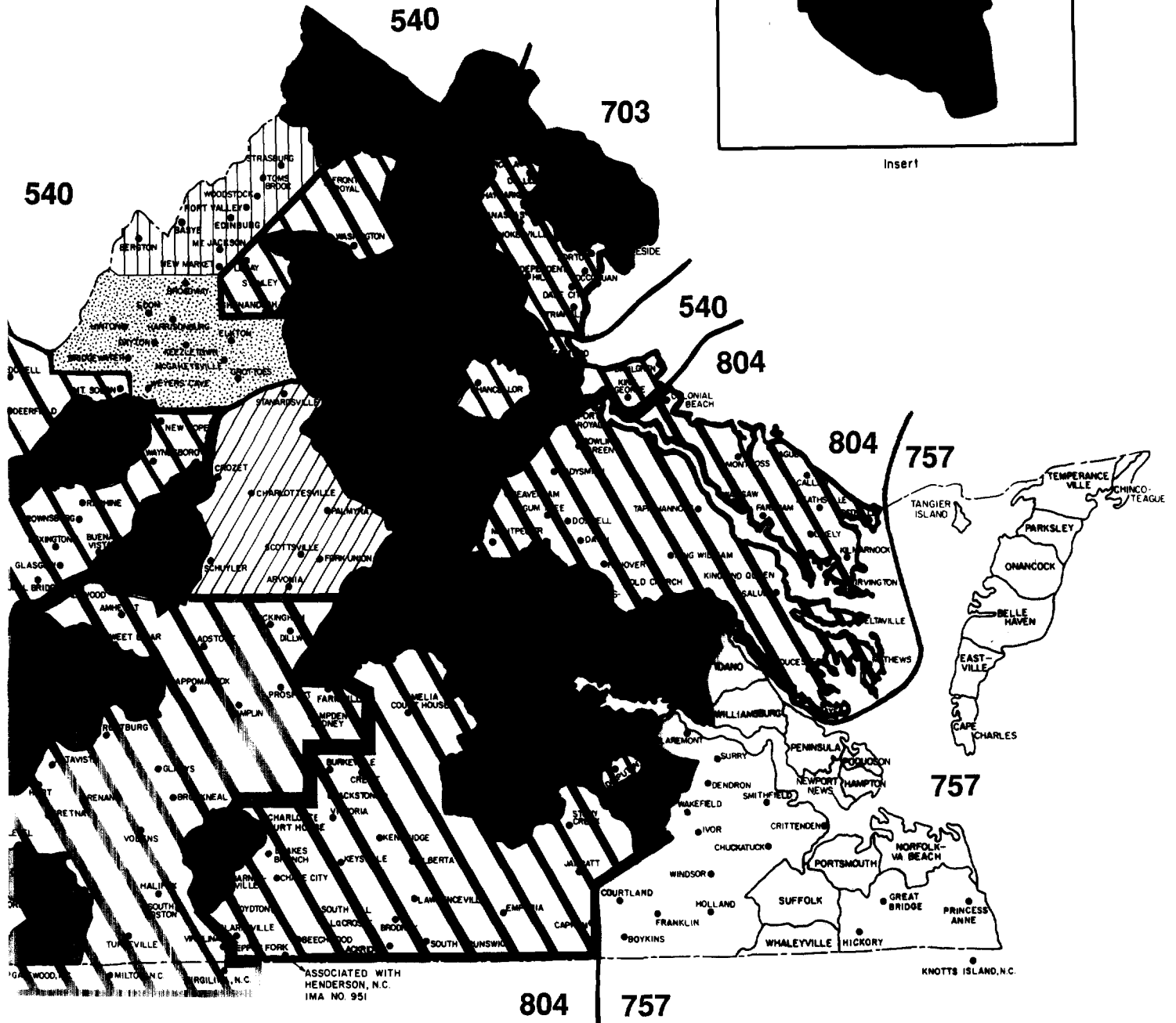
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IMA - No. 956**
Virginia Independent Telephone Co.
Sprint/United Tel.-Southeast



VA PORTION OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN EXCHANGE AREA



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ARTICLE 4.

Extension and Reduction of Telephone Service

§ 56-484.2. Extension or reduction upon poll of certain subscribers.

– A. Upon petition of five percent but in no case less than twenty-five of the subscribers in an established telephone exchange for an extension or reduction of their local service area to include or exclude a contiguous local exchange or exchanges, or upon resolution of the governing body of a county for a countywide local service area, the Commission shall estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service which will result from such extension or reduction. In the case of a governing body resolution for countywide calling, the Commission, prior to estimating the approximate rate change, shall determine which exchanges within the county have a community of interest calling percentage that is fifty percent or greater in at least one direction to at least one other exchange within the county. The Commission shall then undertake to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that will result from such expanded local calling area for each such exchange. The Commission shall order the affected company or companies to poll those subscribers whose monthly rate for service would change if the proposed changes were adopted. However, polls shall not be required in the exchange or exchanges to which the petitioners desire an extension of local service if (i) any resulting rate increases in any twelve-month period do not, in the aggregate, exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate service for the affected exchange to which the petitioners desire an extension of local service or (ii) any resulting rate increases in any twelve-month period, in the aggregate, exceed five percent solely due to rate regrouping. No more than one petition for a poll from the same group of subscribers or resolution from the governing body of a county shall be considered by the Commission during any three-year period. For purposes of determining the exchanges that will be polled pursuant to this subsection, *"community of interest calling percentage"* means the percentage of customers in an exchange that make one or more calls per month to another exchange within the county.

B. If a poll is required pursuant to subsection A and a majority of the subscribers are in favor of the proposed change, or if the Commission determines that a majority of subscribers voting are in favor of the proposed change, the Commission shall order the extension or reduction of their local service area. For the purposes of this section, the number of subscribers in an established telephone exchange shall be deemed to be the number of subscribers in an exchange as of January 1 of the calendar year when the petition is submitted to the Commission. Ballots polling subscribers on a proposed change in local service area shall be counted sixty days after being mailed and the results certified to the Commission.

C. If a poll is not required pursuant to subsection A, the Commission shall require notice to customers in exchanges in which polls are not required and shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension or reduction of the local calling area if the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within such exchanges request a hearing. The Commission may convene a hearing under this subsection on its own motion without regard to the number of customers who request a hearing.

D. Where the governing body of a county passes a resolution for a countywide local service area under subsection A and the poll for such service is defeated, the governing body shall reimburse the affected company or companies for the costs of the poll.

E. The Commission shall give the highest priority to petitions or resolutions presented under subsection A that involve exchanges in rural areas. (1976, c. 265; 1978, c. 232; 1985, c. 382; 1990, c. 339; 1993, c. 974; 1994, cc. 180, 347; 1995, c. 466.)

The 1994 amendments. – The 1994 amendment by c. 180, deleted the former next-to-last sentence in subsection A, which provided: "If subscriber polls are not required, the Commission shall proceed pursuant to the provisions of § 56-237.2"; and added subsection C.

1994 amendment by c. 347, in the first sentence of subsection B, deleted "that more than fifty percent of the subscribers have voted in the pool and" following "determines," and substituted "subscribers" for "those."

The 1995 amendment, in subsection A, inserted "or upon resolution of the governing body of a county for a countywide local service area" in the first sentence; added the present second and third sentences; inserted "or resolution from the governing body of a county" in the present sixth sentence, and added the seventh sentence; and added subsections D and E.